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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD FOR THE DETERMINATION OF SOUNDNESS OF A SHEET-SHAPED MEDIUM, AND METHOD FOR THE VERIFICATION OF DATA OF A SHEET-SHAPED MEDIUM

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